

RAIL HEADS PESSIMISTIC ON SETTLEMENT — EMPLOYES SCORN THEIR OFFER

Washington, Aug. 24.—"Since midnight the situation has taken change for worse," declared member of railway presidents' sub-committee before sub-committee left for White House at their own request this afternoon to confer with president.

"The situation is very serious," he added.

Meeting at White House lasted only ten minutes. Leaving the White House, Pres. Holden, spokesman of the group, said:

"The situation is not any more hopeful than it has been."

"Is it hopeful at all?" he was asked.

"I cannot make any statement as to that," he replied.

The sub-committee, R. S. Lovett of Union Pacific, Daniel Willard of B. & O., and Hale Holden of Burlington, expected to report result of their visit to meeting of whole number of railway presidents at 3 o'clock.

"Everything now depends on this visit to White House," said one of the three. He would not discuss what turn negotiations had taken to make situation worse.

Effort of railway presidents was concentrated today on task of putting railroad brotherhoods on defensive. To this end they were declaring generally their willingness to grant the eight-hour day, while showing that the concession for which the brotherhoods are holding out goes far beyond that.

They will concede, railway presidents say:

An eight-hour day for eight hours' pay at present rates.

Overtime at present rates or arbitration of overtime question.

They say they will not concede an eight-hour day for which they must pay the same wage they now pay for a ten-hour day. It would mean an increase of 21 per cent in wages to

brotherhood members, presidents say.

Brotherhood officials today refused to see any concession in new eight-hour talk of railroad presidents.

"That is the same sort of talk we have heard for months," said one official. "That is not meeting the president's proposal either in letter or in spirit."

The brotherhood men charged today that big lines "are lobbying the nation" to make it appear public sentiment is with capital on strike situation. Station agents and others are means, they say, whereby this alleged-lobby operates. These men, employes say, have urged the public to flood President Wilson with messages favoring arbitration.

BOMB BLAST WRECKS HOME OF ELECTRICAL WORKER

State's Att'y Hoynes has begun an inquiry into the bomb explosion under the home of Jos. P. Kerrigan, 1029 N. Leamington av., early today. The bomb was placed under the front stairway and the blast wrecked the stairs and walls and smashed all the windows. Kerrigan, who is a member of Electrical Workers' union No. 134, and his wife and two children, and Mrs. Chas. Rohe, widow and owner of the building, were all thrown from their beds and severely bruised.

MAN SHOT IN "LITTLE ITALY"

Police are investigating the probable fatal shooting of Antonio Ascuato, also known as Morisi, who received fifteen wounds from a revolver and sawed-off shot gun at Larabee and Elm sts. in "Little Italy" today. He was ambushed from a doorway. "Black handers" are suspected.

Anton Kolodzieiorok, 19, 8412 Burley, died from stab wound. Stanley Kaminski, 8555 Burley, held by police.